9.30 a.m. to 10.00 am. with effect from 30-4-89. This has been done because the preceding serial "Bharat Ke Chaap" is of 50 minutes duration instead of the normal 1 30 minutes. No public opinion survey was done before the change in time was effected.

Labour Participation in Management

1356. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment that one of the major reasons for increasing sickness and closure of industries is lack of effective or any kind of labour participation in management;

(b) whether Government have also assessed that mismanagement, manipulation of finance to make illegal profit mainly for personnal use of becomes possible because of absence of labour participation ; and

(c) what are the hindrances for the enactment of formula regarding labour participation in management ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAOUBR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Government recognises that one of the imporant determinants of healthy industrial growth and efficient management is workers participation in management.

(c) Government have already notified a Comprehensive Scheme of Workers Participation in Management vide Resolution No. L. 56011/1/83-Desk. I (B) dated I 30th December, 1983 which **has** also been implemented at shop floor/plant levels by a large number of public sector enterprises.

Declaration of support price for cotton

1357. **SHRI CHIMANBHAI** MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased **to** state :

(a) whether Government propose to agree with the suggestion **that** cotton support prices should be declared in pre-monsoon preparatory decision making stage for production of various crops; and

(b) what is the per hectare yield of cotton in our country and cotton producing countries like Pakistan; what are the reasons for disparity, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) As laid down in the "Agricultural Price Policy-A long Term Perspective", the Government is fixing the minimum support price of raw cotton before the commencement of sowing season. The minimum support price of cotton for 1989-90 season has alreay been announced on 16th March, 1989.

(b) The All-India per hectare yield of cotton for 1987-88 season was estimated at 169 kgs. According to F.A.O. Production Year Book, 1987, the per hectare yield of cotton in Pakistan works out to 509 kgs. for the year 1987. The disparity in cotton yeields is due mainly to the differences in soil and agro-climatic conditions. However, per hectare yield of cotton in Punjab which has similar agro-climatic conditions was 510 kgs. in 1987-88.